

FORT MYERS BEACH CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC) MINUTES

Town Hall – Council Chambers 2523 Estero Boulevard Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

Thursday, October 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Town Attorney Rooney. Members present: Tom Babcock, Miffie Greer, Dan Hughes, Jay Light, and Dan Parker. Also in attendance was Town Manager Stilwell and Town Clerk Mayher, as staff liaison.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INTRODUCTION/ROLE OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Members introduced themselves. Town Attorney Rooney reviewed the definition and restrictions of a charter. He described roles, abilities, and duties of commission members.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR

MOTION: Mr. Hughes moved to nominate Mr. Babcock as Chairman; second by Ms. Greer.

VOTE: Motion passed; 5-0.

V. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

MOTION: Mr. Parker moved to nominate Ms. Greer as Vice Chair; second by Mr. Light.

VOTE: Motion passed; 5-0.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fort Myers Beach Charter Review Commission October 9, 2014 Page 1 of 3 Chair Babcock discussed scheduling work sessions and requested feedback from members. Discussion was held concerning rearranging the meeting room or moving to another location. Mr. Light stated that he was not sure he had an opinion on work sessions. Mr. Hughes stated that he felt scheduling work sessions at this point was premature. He stated that scheduling a work shop would be useful when the commission had a product to sell.

Chair Babcock suggested setting a goal to review the first four articles during the next meeting. Mr. Light proposed that members do homework before the meeting. Chair Babcock asked members to agree on a time limit for meetings. Town Clerk Mayer stated that generally two hours were allocated for advisory meetings. Town Attorney Rooney offered to provide a list of different charters.

Mr. Light offered to create a work sheet template to send to Town Clerk Mayher for duplication. Town Clerk Mayher stated she would prepare a word document of the charter for each member to modify.

Chair Babcock reviewed action items.

Mr. Hughes suggested allowing public comment for each article being reviewed. Town Attorney Rooney suggested comment cards. Town Clerk Mayher questioned whether commission members needed copies of the policies and procedures manual. Chair Babcock replied that copies would be helpful. Chair Babcock questioned whether documents would be available online. Town Clerk Mayher explained why they were not online at this time.

X. SET NEXT AGENDA

Review Articles 1-5 at the next meeting on October 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Greer moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Hughes.

Chair Babcock adjourned the meeting at 10:50.

Adopted 10-23-14 W

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Vote: **9-0**

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